Alternative punishment for petty offenders

365. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be plaesed to state:

(a) whether Government had in the recent past mooted for introducing community service as an alternative punishment for the petty offenders;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the present Status of proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Yardstick for banning organisation

366. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be plaesed to state:

(a) the yardsticks applied for banning an organisation;

(b) whether the organisations which have openly said, they will not pay heed to the authority to the Indian Courts are liable to be prosecuted for an open disapproval of the rule of law in a democratic state; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken against these organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Yardsticks for declaring an organization as 'unlawful' are given in the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance, 2001 also provides for declaration of an organization as a terrorist organization.

There are other Acts under which State Governments have powers to ban organizations involved in subversive or anti-national activities.

Each case is examined on the basis of available inputs with respect